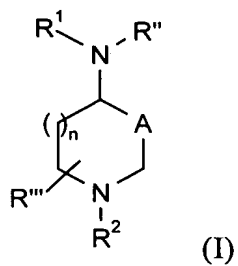


INHIBITORS OF CYSTEINE PROTEASE

The present invention relates to compounds of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which are inhibitors of cysteine proteases, particularly cathepsin K, and are useful in the treatment of diseases in which inhibition of bone loss is a factor.